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Obama blocks Chinese purchase, citing national security

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama issued an order yesterday blocking Chinese firms from purchasing several US wind farms, saying the acquisition posed a threat to the country's national security.

There was credible evidence that the corporation linked to Chinese nationals "might take action that threatens to impair the national security of the United States," Obama said in his order.



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It blocked Ralls's purchase of the Lower Ridge Windfarm, High Plateau Windfarm, Mule Hollow Windfarm and Pine City Windfarm. Ralls is incorporated in Delaware, but controlled by Chinese citizens through the Sany Group, according to US officials.

The wind farm sites are all within or in the vicinity of restricted air space at Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman in Oregon.

Obama made the decision based on the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, a secretive inter-agency panel that reviews foreign acquisitions with a potential impact on national security.

"The president's action demonstrates the administration's commitment to protecting national security while maintaining the United States' longstanding policy on open investment," according to the Treasury statement.

Groundbreaking for solar panel installations



This week the groundbreaking for the installation of solar panels at the EPI School in Seroe Blanco took place with Government Ministers and directors of SETAR N.V., Utilities, ELMAR and TNO in attendance. The Green Aruba III team and invited guests were also present for the spectacular occasion. Director of EPI was especially pleased for the opportunity for the school to be included in this innovation. She expressed gratitude to the government and TNO for the opportunity, which she claims is important for the school's curriculum.

Young engineer Ivan Flanegin from TNO provided an explanation of what is actually taking place on the premises of the Colegio EPI. About a year ago, during the Green Aruba II conference, the Arizona State University donated 20 solar panels to Aruba. TNO received a request from the government to develop an educational project for Colegio EPI with the goal of elevating the knowledge of future technicians of

Aruba regarding solar panels.

According to Flanegin, the project to be constructed on the premises of EPI will consist of 4 parts. The first part of the project is where students will learn the different technological aspects of solar panels. The second part will be a simulation of different angles of roofs. Part three will consist of two roof portions on a metal frame to teach students how to install solar panels for different types of roofs, such as panel roofs or shingle roofs. The fourth part of the project will be an electric box which will enable the student to learn the entire process of the installation of solar panels, from the installation on a roof up to the electrical connection for a house. The project is expected to be in place and ready for the school's use for students by mid October, according to Flanegin.

Minister Sevinger, in his remarks, said that...."today green

technology has entered our school and students will be able to study the best methods for a sustainable future." He was optimistic about the positive results we can expect from this innovative program at Colegio EPI.

Teacher, Carlos Martinez of the EPI commented that students have already begun an alternative energy experiment and are contemplating creating a prototype solar panel that would be ideal for Aruba... made in Aruba. This will be an investment for the future. Martinez was simply elated about the fact of having a solar lab at the school.

Director Harms indicated that in order to make room for the solar park to be erected on the premises, they had to remove several trees. In exchange, they received 30 fruit trees from the government which will be planted to help create shade for students in the future.

Apologies

The Morning News Aruba would like to apologize to all its clients and faithful readers for the fact that, due to mechanical problems, our Wednesday and Friday issue could not be published. The Morning News Aruba thanks everyone for their understanding.

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All-inclusive drug addiction conference well attended

ORANJESTAD -- In a packed conference hall at the Westin Resort more than 340 persons convened for Aruba's Drug Addiction Conference. Experts and stakeholders working in the field of drug addiction and management have come together to discuss the state and development of drug addiction on Aruba. Numerous presentations and lectures were presented with the latest developments and techniques for dealing with this world-wide problem.

Experts from "De Hoop" Center in the Netherlands were here as well as from the popular Capriles Kliniek in Curaçao.

The conference covered every conceivable aspect of addiction and the treatment of addicts on Aruba. The Nationale Drugsraad explained how they have structured their management of drug addiction. For Aruba, Jan Van der Straten explained how Aruba is dealing with the situation. Aruba has changed its focus from being one of a justice problem to being a problem of dealing with a disease. Aruba now has a collaborative approach between government and non governmental institutions (NGO), which includes foundations and religious entities.

During the first day of the conference they also discussed the matter of guardianship (put in a ward) and the judicial and penal aspects of this practice. Aruba also presented information on our halfway house, the CPT Center, and of the various training courses being offered to our personnel. They also exposed the important role in prevention that FADA is playing in the community.

During the presentation by Adopt-An-Addict, an ex-addict told her story and how her life was changed. This, obviously, gave a personal, human touch to the conference.

Among some of the other information shared by the government were the newly introduced EZRA digital registration and the 190 helpline. The government also shared how a special program - to be included in schools curriculum - will be in all schools very soon. This will be used as a preventive means for school children.

All in all, it was a truly all-inclusive conference, where every conceivable information were conveyed to improve our management of the problem of drug addiction. It seems that "no stones was left unturned" at the end of the conference days.

Construction work at Rondweg

Oranjestad -- The Department of Public Works (DOW) announced motorists should take note when passing through Dakota that as of yesterday, September 28, the department has started with the construction and beautifying work on a part of Rondweg, from

Avenida Milio Croes until Guyabastraat.

DOW asks all motorists to NOT use this piece of road unless it is necessary, as access for your business/office or home.

The road will be partially closed for all traffic with barriers and traffic signs posted; construction and beautifying work is expect to last 15 days. DOW apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and asks for patience and understanding during the road improvements.

A joyful reception for the first tourist information office in San Nicolas

As a reminder to all vacationing on Aruba of the many points of interest to be found on the eastern end of the island, Thursday night's Caribbean Festival kicked off with the ebullient opening of an ATA Tourist Information Center, right on the main street across from the main bus terminal.

It was a full gathering of tourism executives and staff from the Aruba Tourism Association and the Ministry of Tourism, to welcome the center on Thursday, September 27. Addressing the community was the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber,



Gaby Illidge cuts the tape



New Flyer dedicated to San Nicolas attractions

who introduced an appealing and informative new flyer dedicated to the attractions of San Nicolas and its surroundings.

This area of the island has its own character, where English is more commonly used. It still demonstrates the influence

of the thousands who came to the island to work in the refinery 80 years ago, bringing their food, culture and music, to be integrated into Aruban society and establish beloved traditions, such as Carnival and steelpan. President

of the San Nicolas Business Association, Marcelino Quant, welcomed this promotion of Aruba's "Sunrise City. Aruba's Minister of Finance, Utilities, Communications and Energy, Mike de Meza, a "San Nicolas boy" joined his neighbors in celebrating this acknowledgement of the area's value to Aruba's tourism product."

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Aruba Airport Authority N.V. nominated for Routes Airport Marketing Awards

Recognition of airline marketing efforts for airports under 4 million passengers

ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) for the seventh time in 7 years has received notification that it has been short-listed for the OAG Routes Airport Marketing Awards, in the category of airports under 4 million passengers worldwide. The award ceremony will take place during the annual Routes World event taking place in Abu Dhabi, from September 29 – October 2, 2012.

Queen Beatrix International Airport has been short-listed together with Darwin International Airport, London City Airport, Friedrichshafen Airport, Princess Juliana International Airport, St. Maarten.

The uniqueness of the marketing awards is that only airlines can vote for the airports and consider airports whose marketing efforts dur-

ing the last twelve (12) months have made a real impact on their future network development plans.

"We are very honored with this repeated nomination" said Peter Steinmetz, AAA's CEO. "It goes to show that our strategies and objectives during the past twelve months continued to be appreciated and effective. Our commitment to our airline partners and our proactive outreach to retain air service and diversification within specific areas have again been noticed. We are now shortlisted in a global category of airports smaller than 4 million passengers per year. Just imagine how many airports there are in that category worldwide! Our entire airport team and our tourism partners are the key to our success!"

Pessimism about the future of the Netherlands rises to record levels

Seven out of 10 people in the Netherlands are pessimistic about the future, the highest figure recorded since records began in 2008, according to the latest quarterly report on the state of the nation by the government's socio-cultural advisory group SCP.

At the same time, half the population now thinks the economy will not get any worse, up from just 30% in the first quarter of this year. And just four out of 10 think politicians are doing a good enough job.

The research was carried out in July and is based on the responses of nearly 1,200 people.

SCP researcher Paul Dekker said the low confidence is due to the collapse of the cabinet in April. "People felt that nothing was being done to solve the economic crisis. We were about to have the fifth election in 10 years and that is not good for public confidence."

Now the elections have been held and Labour and

VVD are in talks on forming a new government, "I expect confidence in politicians to grow," Dekker said.

The new report also shows healthcare and care of the elderly have overtaken crime and immigration as 'national problems'.

Almost two-thirds of the people questioned said the new cabinet should make cuts to get the government's finances under control. At the same time, people have little idea about how much money

is spent on what.

For example, most people think education and healthcare have been the subject of heavy cuts in the past, which is not the case. And many people think slashing spending on development aid and culture – which account for just a small part of government spending – will do the trick.

Some even suggest cutting €20bn from the aid and arts budgets – when total spending is only around €7bn, the Volkskrant points out.

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First San Nic. tourist information office

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Aruba's Minister of Finance, Utilities, Communications and Energy, Mike de Meza, a "San Nicolas boy" joined his neighbors in celebrating this acknowledgement of the area's value to Aruba's tourism product.

Minister Oduber also revealed during his address that an addition million Aruban florins

is being invested in the beach areas around Baby Beach, Cura Cabai and Savaneta to enlarge and improve them, while providing facilities to increase their appeal and enjoyment.

After a blessing of the new building, Gaby Illidge, a renowned local baseball player and legendary sport figure on

Aruba, as well as community activist, was invited to cut the ribbon to officially open the new office. He was joined by the ministers and the CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes. They all agreed it was a most fitting way to end World Tourism Day 2012.

by Rosalie Klein

Featuring Food Network Challenge winner Paul Joachim and more!

The Great Aruba Celebrity Cook-off at Paseo Herencia is tonight!



Celebrity Chefs with Ever, Joselito and Candy Rasmijn, Paseo Herencia Marketing and Events Manager/ Public Relations

A month of culinary delights at Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach will end with the pièce de résistance, a battle between celebrity chefs Paul Joachim, Shashank Agtey and Lauri Ditunno from the U.S. against Aruba's Ever de Pena, of Ike's Place in the Manchebo Beach Resort.

A treat for all the senses, Paul, winner of the 2011 Extreme Alien Cake-off on the Food Network, will partner with Lauri of Cake Alchemy, who is a regular on the channel. Together they will produce one of the most amazing edible art pieces Aruba has ever seen. Paul, who was an art student in college, admits "he found his medium" when he realized the creative possibilities in cake sculpture, which he performs live at galleries, events and museums across the U.S.

Lori honed her skills to inspire beauty and fashion, and "a cake that is a work of art from the inside out," to win the "Amazing Wedding Cake" competition on the WE Channel. She is famous for her spun sugar art and Paul expressed he looks forward to working with her for the first time.

Chef Shashank Agtey, has prepared meals for both Vice President Dan Quale and First Lady Barbara Bush. He is self-described as a "fusion chef" drawing on his East Indian roots for the unique flavor he imparts to his creations. Shashank is also author of the "Sidewalk Chef" Cookbook, and is now Executive Chef at the renowned Pa DeGennaro's in Orlando.

Tonight, the congenial competition pitting them against a graduate of Aruba's



Lauri Ditunno

highly respected EPI Culinary Institute, Ever De Pena, will take place in the Plaza Padu of Paseo Herencia Mall beginning at 7:30 PM. The shopping center will continue its policy of free general admission with the option to purchase a \$10 card of \$1 coupons to sample the tasty offerings of the center's many fine restaurants. There is a reserved VIP section, for which a ticket can be purchased for 50 Aruban florins, (\$28.50 U.S.) This provided tasting privileges for the dishes from the competition, with wine pairing.

"Sabroso September" ends with the Sabor Aruba 2012 event tonight, organized by Aruba's own Antonio "Joselito" Albertz, many years with the Crystal Palace in Disneyworld. He enjoys sharing his passion for food preparation with his countrymen, and tonight's Aruba Celebrity Cook-Off should be a memorable event.

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Since Subway opened its doors in Savaneta, a day hasn't passed without appreciative patrons filling the sandwich shop, for which Subway management is very grateful. Subway thanks Aruba in general and particularly Savaneta for this warm welcome. This is a proof that Subway is just as much a favorite on the east side of the bridge as the west.

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Third payment due date for land tax is Monday!

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Tax Office has issued its publication informing the general public of the due date for the third payment of all local land taxes. The official due date is September 30, 2012; however, because this date falls on a Sunday, they have moved the due date up to Monday, October 1st.

Invoices for 2012 land taxes are dated July 27, 2012 and persons can choose to pay the amount in full or in increments of four. According to the law, the first and second due period is one month after receiving the bill, which was August 27th, 2012. The third and fourth pay periods fall on September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2012. For the third payment, clients are required to pay 25% of the invoiced amount. So that by October 1st, the client must have paid 75% of the invoiced bill. This is for those clients who do not have a special pay-

ment arrangement with the Tax Office.

Payment Arrangement:

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2. he must have submitted all income tax return forms up to and including 2011

This petition will be duly evaluated and if honored, the client will pay the invoice when the definite income tax returns invoice is issued showing that there will be restitution. In such case the restitution will be deducted from the land tax invoice.

In the event of non-payment:

In the event a client does not pay according to the time line or does not pay the required amount, the Tax Office may insist full payment be made immediately after the payment due date. Hence, it is important to make payment in accordance with the law. This will prevent any unnecessary inconveniences.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Clinton unveils \$45 million in new aid for Syria

NEW YORK (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton yesterday unveiled a total of \$45 million dollars in new funding for humanitarian aid and to help the civilian opposition in Syria.

Some \$30 million will go towards aid, bumping up the total US funding for humanitarian relief to \$130 million with a further \$15 million for the civilian Syrian opposition, she told a meeting of the Friends of Syria.

"Today I am announcing an additional 30 million dollars to help get food, water, blankets, critical medical services to the people suffering under the relentless assaults," Clinton told the meeting.

"Today I am also announcing an additional \$15 million to support Syrian civilian op-

position groups, bringing out total support to the unarmed opposition to almost \$45 million."

The talks were attended by nine Syrian activists, who have been working with local coordination committees in cities such as Homs, in a bid to help civilians caught up in the 18-month conflict which has left some 30,000 people dead.

Some of them had traveled from within Syria to New York to spell out to leaders of about two dozen countries -- out of the 90 nations which make up the group -- what their needs are.

Washington, however, stuck by its insistence that it will not bow to calls to arm the rebels, fearing it will further complicate the situation on the ground.

US takes Iran opposition group off terror list

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States yesterday removed an Iranian opposition group based abroad, the People's Mujahadeen of Iran, from its blacklist of designated terror groups after years of intense lobbying.

The move, ending a complex legal battle fought through US and European courts, came just days ahead of an October 1 deadline set by a US appeals court by which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had to decide on the fate of the group.

"The secretary of state has decided, consistent with the law, to revoke the designation of the Mujahadeen-e-Khalq (MEK) and its aliases as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) under the Immigration and Nationality Act and to delist the MEK as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist under Executive Order 13224," the State Department said in a statement.

"Property and interests in property in the United States or within the possession or con-

trol of US persons will no longer be blocked, and US entities may engage in transactions with the MEK without obtaining a license."

The MEK, whose leadership is based in Paris, has invested much money and years of intense lobbying to be taken off the list.

The leftwing group was founded in the 1960s to oppose the shah of Iran, and after the 1979 Islamic revolution that ousted him it took up arms against Iran's clerical rulers.

The MEK says it has now laid down its arms and is working to overthrow the Islamic regime in Tehran through peaceful means.

But in its note about delisting the MEK, the State Department stressed that it had not forgotten the group's militant past.

The opposition People's Mujahadeen of Iran welcomed yesterday's US decision and vowed to step up its international campaign against the Tehran regime.

US: Libya attackers had links to Al-Qaeda

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US intelligence community said yesterday that a deadly assault on a US consulate in Libya was a planned attack linked to Al-Qaeda, though it stressed that "many unanswered questions" remained.

"We do assess that some of those involved were linked to groups affiliated with, or sympathetic to Al-Qaeda," Director of National Intelligence spokesman Shawn Turner said in a statement.

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groups affiliated with, or sympathetic to Al-Qaeda."

This week, both Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and the top US diplomat Hillary Clinton called the assault a "terrorist attack," with the Pentagon chief also suggesting that it took days for the US government to conclude extremists had launched an orchestrated assault.

"As we learned more about the attack, we revised our initial assessment to reflect new information indicating that it was a deliberate and organized terrorist attack carried out by

extremists," Turner explained.

Some Republican lawmakers have alleged that the Obama administration knew almost immediately afterward that Al-Qaeda was involved in the Benghazi attack, which killed the US ambassador to Libya and three other Americans.

But Turner stressed that despite "progress" made in the investigation, "there remain many unanswered questions."

On Thursday, Panetta said it was too soon to say whether Al-Qaeda or Al-Qaeda-linked groups had a role in the incident.

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US: Syria has moved some chemical weapons

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Syrian regime has moved some chemical weapons to safeguard the material as it wages war against rebel forces but the main storage sites for its arsenal remain secure, US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday.

"There has been some intelligence that with regards to some of these sites there has been some movement ...in order for the Syrians to better secure the chemicals," Panetta told a joint news conference with his Canadian counterpart. "We still believe, based on what we know and what we're monitoring, that the principal sites remain secure," he said.

Asked if rebel forces had gotten their hands on some chemical stockpiles, Panetta said: "I don't have any specific information about the opposition and whether or not they've obtained some of this or how much they've maintained."

Syria's chemical weapons stockpile dates back to the 1970s and are the largest in the Middle East, but its precise scope remains unclear.

The regime has said it might use its chemical weapons if attacked by outside countries, although not against its own people.

Last month French President Francois Hollande warned that the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian regime would provide a legitimate cause for a foreign intervention.

The German magazine Der Spiegel reported Monday that the Syrian army has tested a chemical weapons delivery system, firing shells at a research center in its northwestern desert region.

Iranian officers, believed to be members of the Revolutionary Guards, were flown in by helicopter for the testing, according to witness statements cited by the magazine.



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Iran demands UN action against killers of nuclear scientists

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Iran's foreign minister yesterday demanded that the UN Security Council act against the countries that killed Iranian nuclear scientists and launched cyber-attacks against its atomic research.

Without naming Israel or the United States, which Iran has accused over the killings of four scientists, Foreign Minis-

ter Ali Akbar Salehi said Iran had been a victim of "nuclear terrorism."

Salehi said the Security Council, which has passed four rounds of sanctions against Iran's uranium enrichment, should stop using nuclear weapons fears "as a pretext to act as a legislative body."

The council should "utilize its authority to act against

those states undertaking cyber attacks and sabotage in the peaceful nuclear facilities and kill nuclear scientists of other countries," Salehi told a UN General Assembly meeting on nuclear terrorism.

The United States has denied involvement in the killings of four Iranian scientists since 2010. Israel has refused to comment on the killings.

According to US media, the United States and Israel were behind the Stuxnet computer virus which temporarily crippled Iran's uranium enrichment at its Natanz plant.

Salehi's comments came one day after Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on the international community to set a "clear red line" against Iran acquiring a

nuclear bomb.

He said Iran had 70 percent of the necessary uranium for a bomb and warned that at the current pace of enrichment, the Islamic republic could have nearly all the material needed to create a first bomb by next summer.

Salehi reaffirmed Iran's denials that it seeks an atomic weapon.

Mary Joan Foundation celebrates first lustrum



On September 26th, the Mary Joan Foundation marked their 5th year of existence. Their goal is to provide women diagnosed with breast cancer the support they need through various projects and activities. They also provide

valuable information and awareness in helping to detect breast cancer in time. In the past 5 years, many valiant women have stepped out and have put a stop to the culture of silence around the physical, emotional and psycho-

logical suffering associated with breast cancer.

The Foundation bears the name in honor of Mary Joan Cynara Geerman-Kock. Mary Joan was an Aruban who at the age of 32 was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Mary Joan was a promising aerobics athlete who had participated in and had won competitions in Aruba and Curacao. She was known for her perseverance, service to others and for her wise counsels. Together with Anneliz Jonkhout, Olivia Benschop and Fern Pochettino, Mary Joan was a part of the first seminar in Aruba on Breast Cancer organized by the Aruba Women's Club. They supported each other and soon the support group grew.

On January 31, 2002, after a long battle of almost 8 years, the Lord called Mary Joan home to Heaven. But the group continued to support each other and in 2007 the group was officially organized into what became known as the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Group, now known as the Mary Joan Foundation.

Today we honor all the women who are fighting the battle against this disease. Mary Joan's name symbolizes the constant fight to survive and move forward. Mary Joan's name is the symbol of valor for those women who have the strength to support each other, to work on areas of prevention and awareness, to educate themselves and the community and to stand firm alongside

others who need the support.

The Foundation is proud of the work they were able to accomplish these past five years. One of their accomplishments is the Mamapoli at the Hospital, informative material in Papiamentu for patients, and so much more. Most recently Mary Joan Foundation helped in establishing a Foundation for regular screening- BOB Aruba. Also, as of November 2009 the Foundation has its own center in Sabana Blanco 8 where they conduct support sessions, activities for clients and information for all interested parties.

They look back with gratitude to all the women who have been confronted with breast cancer. These women have contributed with their support to others and have become part of the volunteers who daily help the foundation. They are also very grateful to the many local sponsors who continue to believe in the work of the Mary Joan Foundation. They are thankful to all and are intent on pressing forward with their work for the Aruban community.

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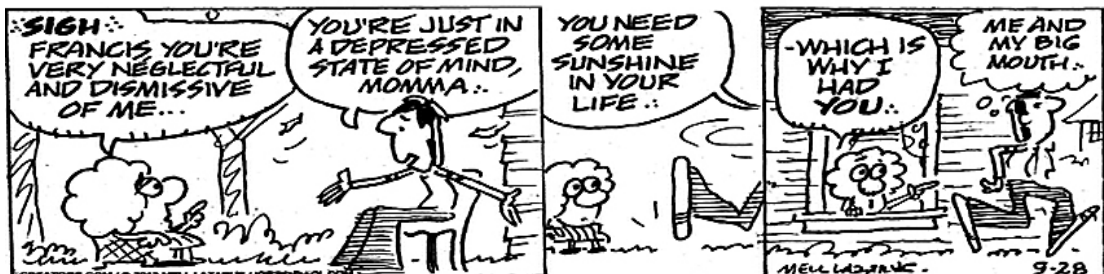
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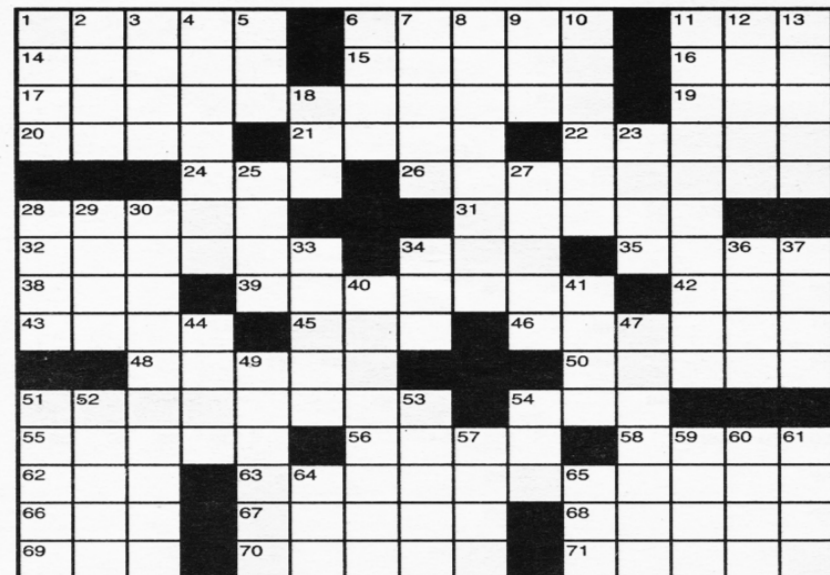
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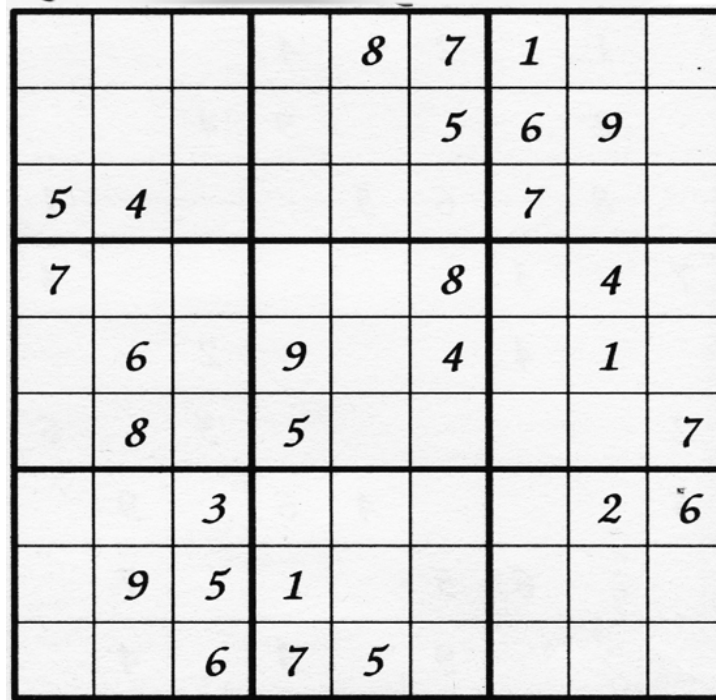
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Finance

Fitch affirms Britain's AAA credit rating, negative outlook

PARIS (AFP) - Fitch Ratings yesterday maintained Britain's "AAA" credit rating with a negative outlook, warning that weak economic growth was increasing the likelihood of a downgrade.

Fitch said "weaker than expected growth and fiscal outturns in 2012 have increased pressure on the UK's 'AAA' rating".

With Fitch estimating that Britain's debt in 2015-2016 may approach 100 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), the limit for a top "AAA" rating "the likelihood of a downgrade has therefore increased."

It said the negative outlook reflects Britain's "very limited fiscal space, at the 'AAA' level,

to absorb further adverse economic shocks in light of the UK's elevated debt levels and uncertain growth outlook."

Fitch had put Britain's rating on negative outlook, or subject to downgrade, in March.

Given the uncertainties of the fiscal and economic projections Fitch said it did not expect to resolve its negative outlook on Britain's rating until 2014.

However it warned a downgrade would be likely if Britain's medium-term growth outlook worsens, there were indications that government debt would exceed 100 percent of GDP, or an easing of fiscal policy that pushes back a reduction in debt levels.

BofA agrees to pay \$2.4 bn settlement over Merrill purchase

NEW YORK (AFP) - Bank of America, struggling to recover from the 2008 financial crisis, said yesterday it has agreed to pay \$2.43 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit tied to its Merrill Lynch takeover.

The bank said the payment would be to settle the lawsuit that was filed in 2009 "on behalf of investors who purchased or held Bank of America securities at the time

the company announced plans to acquire Merrill Lynch."

The nation's second-biggest bank by assets was accused of hiding huge losses at Merrill Lynch in late 2008 to avoid potential shareholder disapproval of its takeover bid.

The bank denied the investors' claims that it had misled them about the financial health of Bank of America and Merrill Lynch, saying it was

Spain says stricken banks need 59 bn euros

MADRID (AFP) - Spain announced yesterday its stricken banks need 59 billion (\$76 billion) to fix their balance sheets, but said the final sum required from the eurozone may be much lower.

Releasing an audit of the banking system, the Spanish government said lenders may only need to borrow 40 billion euros from the eurozone, far below the maximum on offer of 100 billion euros.

The audit of the top 14 banking groups, warmly welcomed by the European Union and International Monetary Fund, is seen on the markets as one of the final acts before Madrid likely requests a sovereign bailout.

"The loan is likely to be added to Spain's national debt making them liable if the banks are unable to repay, so the reaction in the market is

more one of relief than anything else," said London-based Alpari analyst Craig Erlam.

"The next hurdle is the bailout which at this point appears to be inevitable," he said.

The independent audit led by US financial consultants Oliver Wyman showed Spain's banks need to raise 59.3 billion euros.

That would decline to 53.75 billion euros once mergers under way and tax effects are taken into account, the report said.

Banks can find much of the money from other sources, such as asset sales, private capital, losses forced on investors or by selling bad loans to a so-called bad bank to be set up to hold such assets, it said.

The final amount borrowed from the eurozone could thus be about one-third lower, or "about 40 billion euros," junior economy minister Fernando Jimenez Latorre told a news conference.

The figures reflect the depth of the damage from a 2008 property market crash that left Spanish banks staggering under mountains of bad loans, resulting in a credit

shortage in the Spanish economy.

Seven of the banks, which include Santander, the biggest in the eurozone by market value, had no need of extra money to survive a "very adverse scenario" with three years of heavy losses, it said.

"The results confirm that the Spanish banking sector is mostly solvent and viable, even in an extremely adverse and highly unlikely macroeconomic setting," the report said.

Of 14 banking groups examined, which account for about 90 percent of the financial system's assets, rescued lender Bankia had the greatest capital needs, estimated at 24.7 billion euros.

The audit came a day after Spain announced a tight budget for 2013, which squeezes out 39 billion euros in austerity measures, sparing only retirement pensions, to rein in the public deficit.

Jean-Claude Juncker, head of the group of eurozone finance ministers, said he was "comforted" by the result of the audit, which showed the eurozone loan would be "more than adequate."

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terested parties can contact the TDS Pro Shop at 586-0978 or Assistant Golf Pro James Kiley at 733-7288; e-mail: tee-time@tierradelsol.com.

Kirsten Arndt, who has made it her mission in life to establish Aruba's first no-kill sanctuary for dogs and cats, expresses her gratitude to Senor Frog's, Yami Yami in Bubali, Subway, Aqua Grill and Dunkin Donuts for donating the meal, and Superfood for non-alcoholic beverages.



Top three teams will win tickets to Curacao donated by Tiara Air, or weekend stays at the Hyatt, Westin or La Cabana Beach Resort.

Kirsten has been rescuing stray and injured dogs for over fifteen years, and is ready to break ground on a proper facility in Kibaima, where they will be treated properly and protected. An important part of the program is finding good, loving homes for the animals in her care, and if you are not an island resident but wish to adopt a dog, or see one in distress, call Kiki at 742-8732 and she will assist in helping the dog and in the process of transport to your home country. It is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than any might think. Her costs for feeding all the dogs she rescued and maintains in her home converted to a shelter are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. If anyone wishes to help, they can support her with donations in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. Participating in the golf tournament is another fun way to show support for this worthy cause.

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Klatch" and triple points when using their membership cards. Cool Casino is a great place to learn to understand such table games as Craps and



Roulette, as they offer free instructions and minimums for beginners with which anyone can have fun and feel very comfortable. High-stakes tables and a major weekly blackjack tournament will

keep veteran high-rollers happy, as well as periodic special events that attract an international crowd; stop by and check their schedule.

Add to all this free drinks while testing the slots or trying your hand at the tables, and the opportunity to enjoy exclusive pay-per-view major sporting events at one of their dozens of plasma screens, and you can understand why loyal patrons find Cool Casino THE fun place to play. Slot machines are open from 10:00 AM until 4:00 AM daily, and gaming tables open at 5:00 PM; ask for their schedule of special events and bonuses, as there are so many choose from, but every day offers something to get the adrenaline flowing!



Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

Cricket: Pakistan, Australia win in World T20



Umar Akmal, the Pakistan batsman, knocked 43 not out during his side's defeat of South Africa

COLOMBO (AFP) - Umar Gul and Shane Watson shone brightly under lights to steer Pakistan and Australia to important wins in the Super Eights round of the World Twenty20 on Friday.

Gul turned an unlikely hero with the bat as Pakistan, chasing South Africa's modest 133-6, survived a middle-order collapse to win by two wickets with two balls to spare in a

thrilling group two match.

Watson grabbed 3-34 and struck 72 off 42 balls to lift power-packed Australia to an emphatic nine-wicket win over India in the second match of the double-header in Colombo.

Gul, a medium-pacer who averaged under 10 with the bat in Twenty20 internationals, smashed two fours and three sixes in his 32 off 17 balls after Pakistan had slumped to 76-7

in the 15th over.

Gul and Umar Akmal, who remained unbeaten on 43, combined to share a match-winning partnership of 49 in 27 balls.

"We were lucky to get there," said Pakistan captain Mohammad Hafeez. "There were a few bad shots early in the innings but in the end it was a great team effort."

Watson, who was adjudged man of the match for the third consecutive match, shared an opening stand of 133 with David Warner (63 not out) as Australia eased past India's 140-7 in the 15th over.

Warner smashed three sixes and seven boundaries and Watson plundered seven sixes and two fours in a batting treat for a sell-out crowd of 35,000 at the Premadasa stadium.

The pair treated the Indian bowlers with disdain as Warner lofted Harbhajan Singh for two successive sixes and Watson hit leg-spinner Piyush Chawla for two sixes in his first over.

When seamer Irfan Pathan came on to bowl the 10th over, Watson greeted him with a sequence of 6, 6 and 4 to bring up Australia's 100 in the same over.

Watson fell in the 14th over when just eight more runs were needed for victory, caught in the covers off Yuvraj Singh.

Watson's match-winning display followed his 51 and 3-26 against Ireland and 41 not out and 2-29 in the second game against the West Indies.

"The last couple of games have been pretty good," the 31-year-old Watson said. "It's nice when things come together like this."

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni said his team needed to analyse what went wrong in their opening Super Eights match.

"We got off to a good start, but lost quick wickets. And we were not in a good situation to cash in," he said. "We were about 20 runs short."

Dhoni said the brief 10-minute stoppage for rain at the start of Australia's innings cost his team the game.

"Rain just came at the wrong time," he said. "A wet ball is not good for spinners. That was the main reason we lost. It is important to look at what mistakes we made."

In the next round of matches on Sunday, Australia take on South Africa and India clash with Pakistan at the same venue.

Twins release infielder Nishioka



MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - Japanese infielder Tsuyoshi Nishioka was released on Friday by the Minnesota Twins after a disappointing year with one season remaining on his Major League Baseball contract. The 28-year-old Osaka native was dropped for a \$250,000 buyout to avoid paying him \$3 million next season in the final year of a deal signed in 2010. Nishioka, who helped Japan win the 2006 World Baseball Classic, suffered a broken leg in a collision with New York Yankees outfielder Nick Swisher after only playing 68 games in the 2011 season. Nishioka, who had batted .226 with 19 runs batted in and 14 runs scored before the injury, went hitless in three at-bats for the Twins this season and spent most of the season with their top developmental team, hitting .258 with two home runs and 34 runs batted in over 101 games.



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Football: Hamas urges Barca-Real boycott if Shalit attends

GAZA CITY (AFP) - The Hamas rulers of Gaza called Friday for a media boycott of next month's Barcelona-Real Madrid derby if the Catalan club goes ahead with plans to welcome Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit to the game.

The Palestinian Islamist group, which held Shalit captive for more than five years until his release in a prisoner exchange in October last year, said his attendance at the game on October 7 would be offensive.

"FC Barcelona's invitation to the criminal Shalit so they can pay homage to him is an offence to sentiments of the Palestinian people and to Arab and Muslims because Shalit is an Israeli soldier who was on a tank taking part in the killing of Palestinian civilians when

he was captured (in 2006)," Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said.

"We urged FC Barcelona to cancel the invitation."

In a statement posted on its website on Thursday, the club denied that it had invited the Israeli former captive, insisting it had merely agreed to a request from the keen football fan to attend the game.

It said that in the face of protests by pro-Palestinian groups, it had also invited both Palestinian federation chief Jibril Rajub and footballer Mahmud Sarsak, who was freed in July after nearly three years held without charge in Israel, as well as the Palestinian envoy to Spain.

But Sarsak told AFP on Friday he had yet to receive the invitation.



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NBA: Back to work for Heat as training camp opens

MIAMI (AFP) - Defending NBA champion Miami returns to work today for pre-season training camp, with star LeBron James coming off a gold medal effort at the London Olympics and two top teammates coming off injuries.

Last June, the Heat captured their first NBA crown since obtaining James two years earlier, James finally winning his long-awaited first NBA title. Then he added Olympic gold. But that has not quenched his desire for success.

Now the Heat have added 37-year-old guard Ray Allen, the all-time NBA leader in 3-point shots, and veteran forward Rashard Lewis to a

championship roster.

"We can be better than we were this past season," James said. "We have the potential to be a lot better. That is scary."

The Heat will visit China for pre-season games against the Los Angeles Clippers at Beijing on November 11 and Shanghai three days later as part of the preparation for the November 30 season opener against visiting Boston.

James matched Michael Jordan as the only players in NBA history to win an NBA title, Olympic gold and be named the NBA regular-season and NBA Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the same year.

"I don't think about what the other greats have accomplished. I have to make my own name," James said. "As far as legacy, I can't think about that. I've got a lot of basketball left to play."

James could become only

the fifth player in NBA history to win at least four NBA season MVP awards if he can lead the Heat to the sort of season players are expecting.

James won Olympic gold only six weeks ago and began Olympic training camp only a week after claiming the NBA crown, so fatigue could be a factor.

But James said that despite his busy schedule, he has no doubt he will be the best player on the court every time he suits up for the heat this season.

Once the campaign kicks into gear, the Heat will try to match the Los Angeles Lakers as the only team in the past decade to win back-to-back NBA titles.

Wade and center-forward Chris Bosh were supposed to have played alongside James at London but injuries suffered during the intense playoff run kept them off the team.

Watson and Simpson crush Lawrie and Hanson



CHICAGO (AFP) - Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson scored a crushing 5 and 4 win over Europeans Paul Lawrie and Peter Hanson in the first of Friday afternoon's Ryder Cup fourballs.

Poor putts from the European pair allowed the Americans to win the first two holes and when Simpson sunk an 18-footer for birdie at the fourth they were already on the way at three up.

The situation became even more dire for Lawrie and Hanson as birdies from Watson

won the sixth, seventh and eighth to put the Americans a stunning six up.

At that stage they had birdied seven of the first eight holes, the exception being the second, and they won that with a par.

It was nearly seven up by the turn, but Simpson's birdie putt slipped by.

It was a lost cause for Lawrie and Hanson down the back nine, although they managed to stay out on the course a while longer with a birdie from the 43-year-old Scot at the 11th.

The coup de grace came at the 14th hole when Watson was the executioner as the Americans finished at 10 under par.

Watson, whose caddie urged the crowd to make noise as he hit his tee-shot at the first, was winning his second Ryder Cup cap, while US Open champion Simpson was one of four rookies in the US team.

Scotland's Lawrie was back in the Europe team for a second cap, 13 years after winning his first, and was playing for the first time with Swede Hanson, a second time Ryder Cupper.

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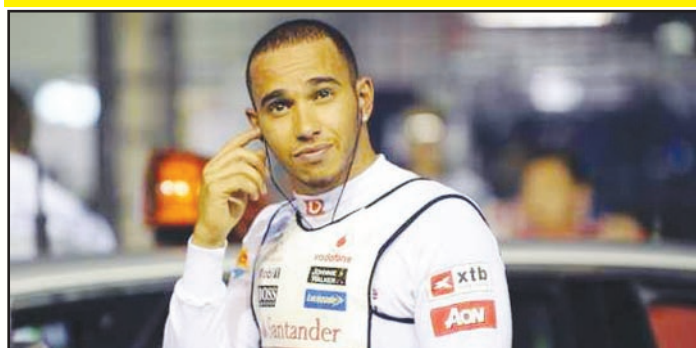
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Formula One's Hamilton to join Mercedes team in 2013



Former champion Lewis Hamilton will move to Formula One's Mercedes team next year from McLaren, leaving seven-time champion Michael Schumacher without a confirmed ride in 2013. Separately, Formula One announced its 2013 schedule that includes two U.S. races: The inaugural Grand Prix of America at Port Imperial in New Jersey on June 16, and the U.S. Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, on Nov. 17. Hamilton signed a three-year contract with Mercedes. The British driver, who won the 2008 championship, is fourth in this year's title standings.



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NFL: Ravens dump Browns as regular referees return

BALTIMORE (AFP) - Joe Flacco ran for one touchdown and threw for another to lead Baltimore over Cleveland 23-16 on Thursday as regular NFL union referees returned

to work to a pre-game standing ovation.

Four nights after Baltimore edged New England on a last-second field goal and three nights after replacement referees

botched a controversial last-play call to decide a game, American football returned to normal.

The Ravens stretched their home win streak to 13 games,

the NFL's longest current run, and improved to 3-1 by stopping a late threat from winless Cleveland.

"With the wisdom we have and the young players we are adding into our defense, 3-1 is huge after the first quarter (of the season)," Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis said.

Union referees whistled penalties for the first time following three weeks of replacement officials before the league and the referees' union agreed to a new eight-year contract on Wednesday night to end a lockout that began in June.

Gene Steratore, beginning his 10th NFL season as a referee, and each person in a six-man crew that averaged 10 years of experience tipped his cap to the crowd as the officials walked onto the field to cheers, a rare treat for them.

Their return came after a poor call by replacements on the last play of the game gave Seattle a Monday victory over Green Bay, sparking criticism that even had US President Barack Obama calling for an end to the lockout.

"We're sorry to have put fans through that," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said.

The first penalty against the home side came 3:42 into the game and sparked the usual chorus of boos at the referees, one fan's sign noting, "We're glad we can boo the real refs."

Ravens' supporters spent much of their time cheering despite Baltimore becoming the first NFL team since 1939 to play four games in only 18 days.

Flacco scored on a 1-yard touchdown run 5:07 into the third quarter but the Browns pulled within 16-10 on a 51-yard Phil Dawson field goal.

Baltimore's Cary Williams intercepted a Brandon Weeden pass to the left sideline and returned the ball 63 yards for a

touchdown to give the Ravens a 23-10 lead with 15 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Dawson kicked field goals of 50 and 52 yards to pull Cleveland within 23-16 and the Browns drove from their 10-yard line to the Ravens' 33 in the dying seconds but were unable to deliver a tying touchdown.

The Ravens opened the scoring 2:03 into the second quarter on Flacco's 18-yard touchdown pass to Torrey Smith.

Smith played for the second time since his brother, Tevin Jones, was killed in a motorcycle crash last Sunday morning. Jones' funeral will be today.

The Browns, who along with New Orleans are the only winless teams in the NFL, fell to 0-4. Going back to last season, the Browns have dropped 10 games in a row, 13 of 14 overall. They have lost nine in a row to the Ravens.

The NFL's three undefeated teams after three games -- the Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals and Houston Texans -- each play at home on Sunday against foes who have lost two of their first three games.

The Falcons will play host to Carolina while Arizona entertains Miami and Houston will meet Tennessee.

And the Green Bay Packers, 1-2, will try to bounce back from the last-play loss at Seattle when they play host to New Orleans.

Sunday's other games find New England at Buffalo, San Diego at Kansas City, Minnesota at Detroit, Seattle at St. Louis, San Francisco at the New York Jets, Cincinnati at Jacksonville, Oakland at Denver, Washington at Tampa Bay and the New York Giants at Philadelphia.

Chicago will face Dallas on Monday. Indianapolis and Pittsburgh are idle.

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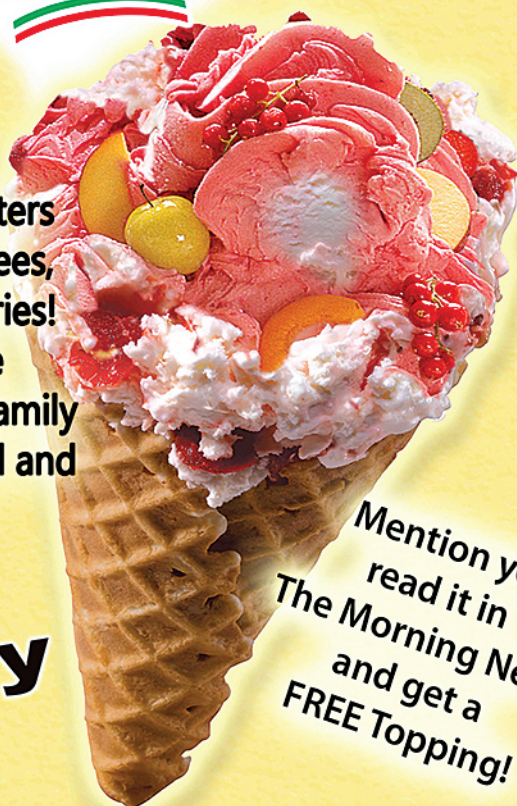
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